



First Search for Single Top s -channel Production in $\bar{e}^+ + \text{jets}$ at CDF

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Single Top Quark Production



The top quark can be produced:

- in $t\bar{t}$ pairs through strong interaction;
- as **single top via EW interaction.**

Observed by CDF and DØ in 2009:

- T. Aaltonen, et al. [CDF collaboration], Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 092002 (2009)
- V.M. Abazov et al. [DØ Collaboration], Phys. Rev. Lett. 103, 092001 (2009)

Two dominant processes:

- t-channel;
- s-channel.
 - Wt-channel has a small cross section at the Tevatron.



	$\sigma(\text{pb})$
s-ch	1.05 ± 0.05 ^a
t-ch	2.08 ± 0.08 ^b
Wt-ch	0.25 ± 0.03 ^c
$t\bar{t}$	7.08 ± 0.49 ^d

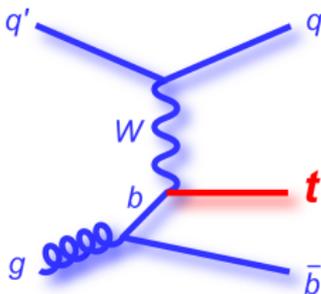
Theoretical cross sections at Tevatron considering $m_t = 173\text{GeV}/c^2$

^aN. Kidonakis, arXiv:1001.5034

^bN. Kidonakis, arXiv:1103.2792

^cN. Kidonakis, arXiv:1005.4451

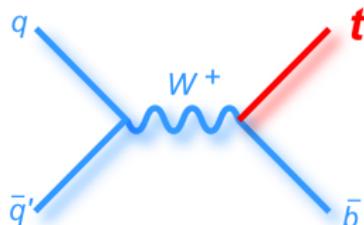
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- It has already been established by the LHC experiments^{1 2};
- The light-flavor jet is more forward:
 - For a precise measurement, a good η coverage is required;

¹ATLAS Collaboration, Measurement of the t-channel Single Top-Quark Production Cross Section in $0.70 \text{ fb}^{-1} pp$ Collisions $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$ with the ATLAS detector, ATLAS-CONF-2011-101(2011)

²CMS Collaboration, Measurement of the t-channel single top quark production cross section in pp collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$, CMS-TOP-10-008 (2011)



- It has not been observed yet;
 - $D\bar{D}$ recently claimed a 3.7σ evidence³.
- Difficult at LHC;
 - $\sigma_{s-ch}^{SM} \cong 5 \text{ pb}$, $\sigma_{t-ch}^{SM} \cong 65 \text{ pb}$ at LHC 7 TeV.
- Deviations from SM prediction may indicate new physics, like the existence of a W' or of a charged Higgs boson⁴.

At CDF, two statistically independent samples are analyzed, looking for single top s-channel production:

- the $l\nu b\bar{b}$ sample;
 - one isolated lepton, missing transverse energy and jets are required; see previous talk.
- the $E_T b\bar{b}$ sample.

³http://theory.fnal.gov/jetp/talks/WineAndCheese_20130621_v6.pdf

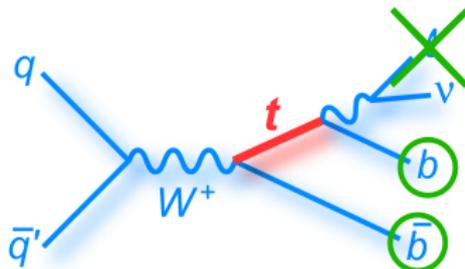
⁴T. M. P. Tait and C. P. Yuan, Single top quark production as a window to physics beyond the standard model, Phys. Rev. D 63 (2000) 014018.

The $\cancel{E}_T b\bar{b}$ sample

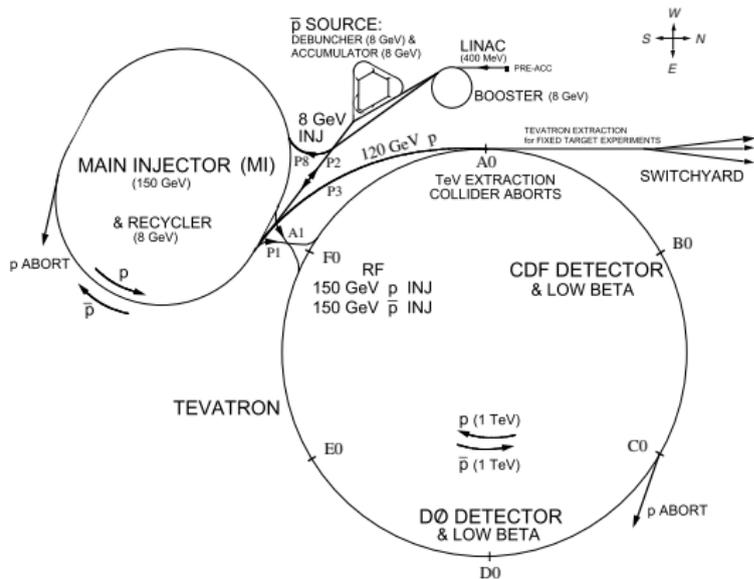


We look for single top s-channel events when $t \rightarrow Wb$ and W decays leptonically, but:

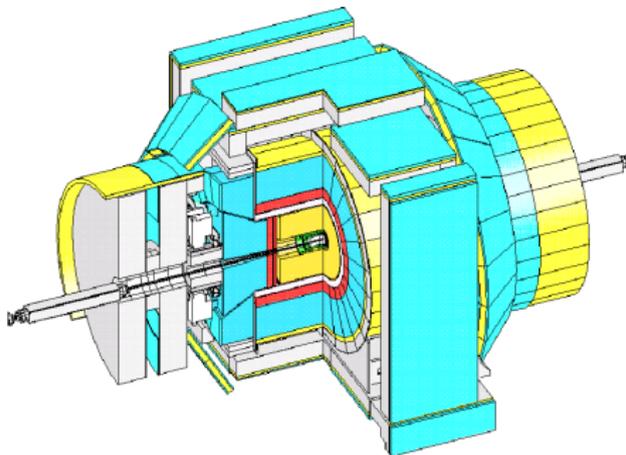
- There are no identified leptons;
or
- There are τ s that decay hadronically.
 - This analysis is sensitive to the $t \rightarrow Wb \rightarrow \tau\nu b$ channel, where the τ is reconstructed as a jet in the calorimeters, even if we do not apply a τ reconstruction.



The Tevatron



- Collider $p\bar{p} \sqrt{s} = 1.96 \text{ TeV}$
- Radius $R = 1 \text{ km}$
- Two experiments: CDF and DØ
- Run II (2001–2011):
 $\sim 12 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ of $p\bar{p}$ collisions, $\sim 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ recorded by CDF.



- Multipurpose detector, $B\bar{O}$ interaction point at Tevatron
- Tracking system in magnetic field at 1.4 T
- Calorimeters
 - Electromagnetic and hadronic
 - Sampling
 - Projective towers
- Muon chambers
 - 4 layers of drift chambers
- Trigger system
 - three levels of *online* selection



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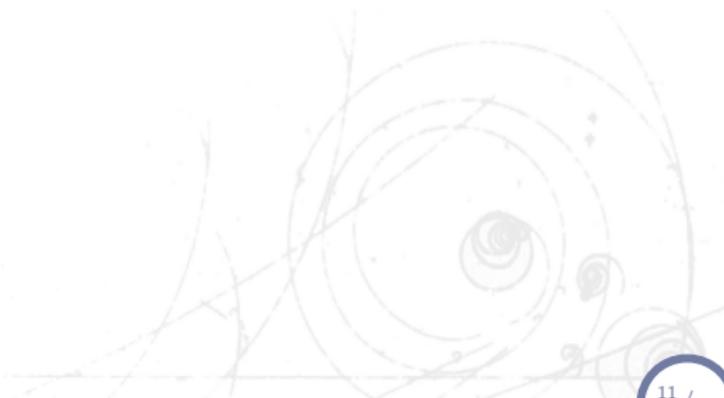
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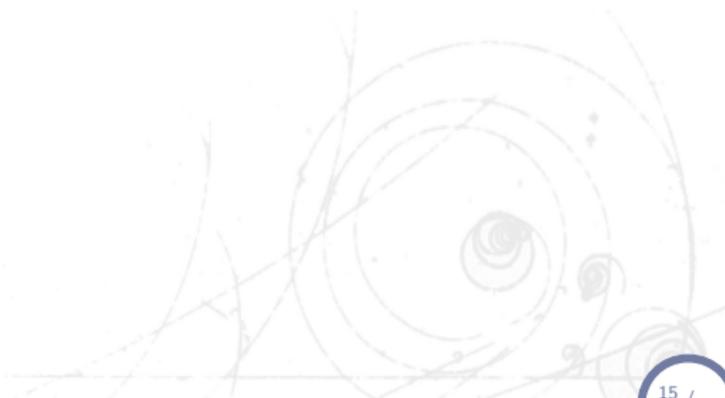
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Data and triggers:

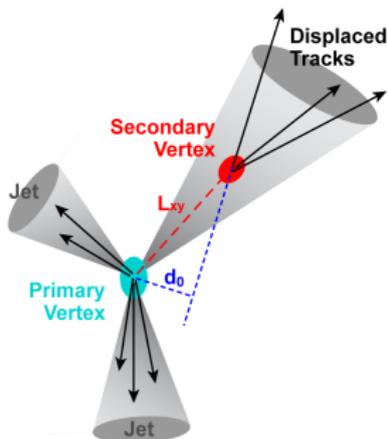
- The full CDF Run II dataset (9.5 fb^{-1}) is analyzed;
- Events are accepted on line by the trigger if they contain large \cancel{E}_T and at least two jets.

Basic selection:

- Large missing transverse energy (\cancel{E}_T);
- No isolated leptons;
 - We use loose identification cuts to reject events with isolated leptons.
- 2 or 3 jets;
- At least one of the jets has to be central ($|\eta| < 1$)
- $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j_2) > 0.4$.



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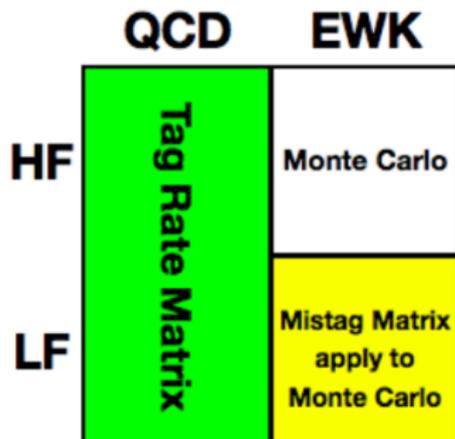


- At least one of the jets has to be b -tagged;
- We employ a new b -jet identification algorithm optimized for $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ searches: HOBIT⁵;
- Two different HOBIT cuts are used: tight b -tag (T), loose b -tag (L);
- The selected sample is subdivided in three different tagging categories, according to the number of tight/loose tagged jets:
 - 1T: single tight b -tag;
 - TL: one tight b -tag and one loose b -tag
 - TT: double tight b -tag.

⁵J. Freeman, T. Junk, M. Kirby, Y. Oksuzian, T. J. Phillips, F. D. Snider, M. Trovato, J. Vizan, and W. M. Yao, Nucl. Instrum. Methods Phys. Res., Sect. A **697**, 64 (2013).



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Electroweak/Top: $W+$ Heavy Flavor ($W+HF$), $Z+$ Heavy Flavor ($Z+HF$), single top and diboson are modeled by Monte Carlo, as well as $t\bar{t}$:

- Signal: POWHEG
- t -channel: POWHEG
- W/Z +jets: ALPGEN, normalization left unconstrained in the final fit
- $t\bar{t}$, $WW/WZ/ZZ$, WH/ZH : PYTHIA
 - $t\bar{t}$ is normalized to the measured cross section.

The parton showering is performed by PYTHIA.

Mistags from Electroweak light flavor:

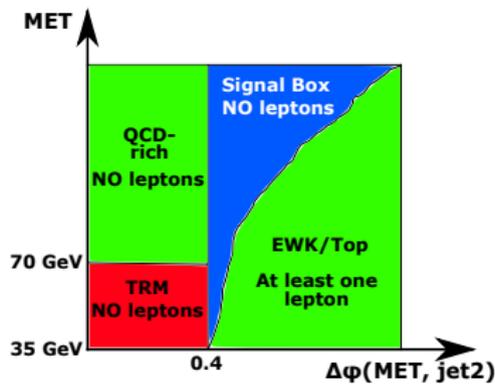
- Mistag rate matrix model to estimate mis-tagged light flavor Electroweak production (diboson, $W/Z+$ Light Flavor ($W/Z+LF$)).

QCD multijet:

- Data-derived model to predict the tagged heavy flavor QCD and mis-tagged light flavor QCD;
- Validated in several control regions.



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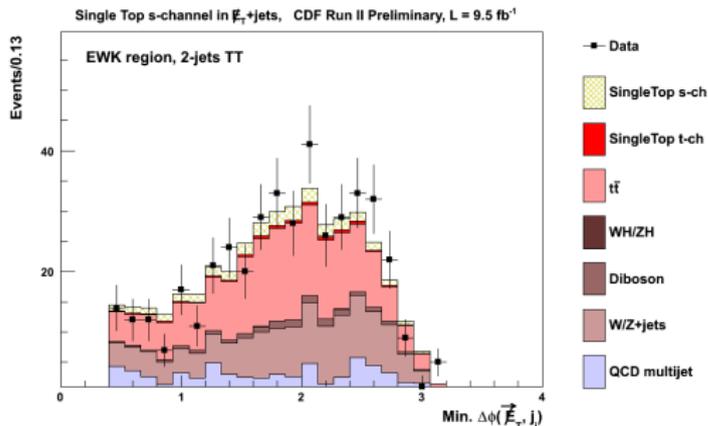
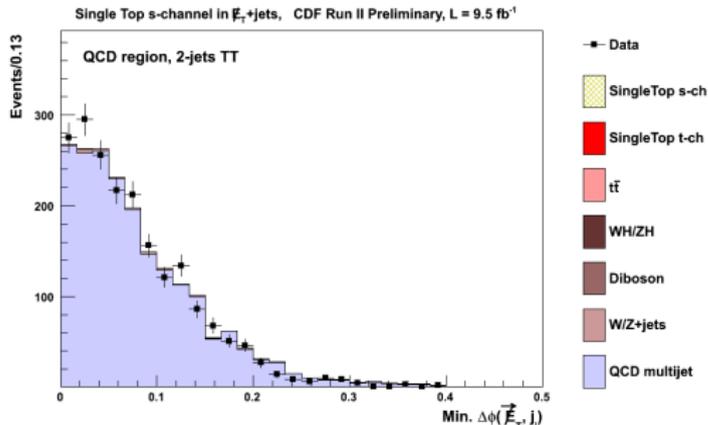


QCD Multijet events generally do not have intrinsic \cancel{E}_T :

- Mismeasured jets do cause imbalance in the total transverse energy;
- In QCD b -quark pair production, if one b undergoes a semi-leptonic decay, large \cancel{E}_T arises.

In both cases, the \cancel{E}_T tends to be aligned parallel or anti-parallel to the first or second most energetic jet. We divide the sample in 4 regions:

- **TRM (Tag Rate Matrix):** $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j_2) < 0.4$, $35 \text{ GeV} < \cancel{E}_T < 70 \text{ GeV}$, veto lepton;
- **QCD:** $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j_2) < 0.4$, $\cancel{E}_T > 70 \text{ GeV}$, veto lepton;
- **EWK:** $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j_2) > 0.4$, lepton events;
- **Preselection:** $\Delta\phi(\cancel{E}_T, j_2) > 0.4$, veto lepton;



The QCD contribution is estimated by a data-derived model:

- **Tag Rate Matrix;**
- A tagging rate function is built in the **TRM** background populated region;
- We use this function to predict the QCD multijet contributions (both HF and LF mistags) in the signal and other control regions.
- We check the predicted shape in the QCD and EWK control regions; the modeling is satisfying;



An **event based** model is used. The tag rate probabilities are parameterized as a function of 6 variables. A separate 6D matrix is derived for each tag category: 1T, TL, and TT.

- The tagging rate in each bin of a tagging category:

$$\text{rate} = \frac{\text{No. of Tagged Events}}{\text{No. of Taggable Events}}$$

- The definition of a taggable event depends on the underlying jets
- To estimate the multijet shape:

$$\text{multijet} = \text{pretag data} \times \text{rate} - \sum \text{pretag electroweak process} \times \text{rate}$$

where, the electroweak processes include top, diboson, W+jets and Z+jets productions.



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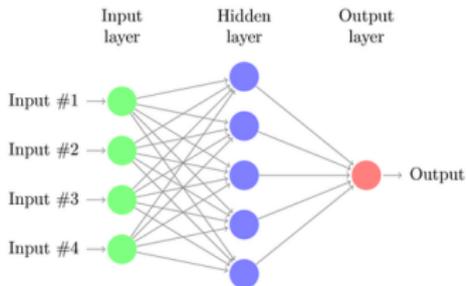
The mistag rate is estimated for each tagging category (1T, TT, TL). The mistag rate for each jet by two different HOBIT cuts are denoted by M_T and M_L , respectively:

- 1T: $M_{Tj1} \times (1 - M_{Tj2}) + M_{Tj2} \times (1 - M_{Tj1})$
- TT: $M_{Tj1} \times M_{Tj2}$
- TL: $M_{Tj1} \times (1 - M_{Tj2}) \times M_{Lj2} + M_{Tj2} \times (1 - M_{Tj1}) \times M_{Lj1}$

The mistag rate is applied to light flavor Monte Carlo samples: W+LF, Z+LF and diboson. We also veto jets matched with a HEPG b/c quark.



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Since we are looking for a small signal in a very large background, we need to use **Multivariate Techniques**. Several Neural Networks (NN) with different purpose are employed in this analysis:

- a NN to reconstruct the **top quark** finding the b -jet that comes from top decay;
- a NN **QCD veto**, to reject the QCD multijet production as much as possible. It reduces this background by an order of magnitude;
- two other dedicated NNs:
 - to distinguish signal from $W/Z+jets$ production;
 - to distinguish signal from $t\bar{t}$ background.

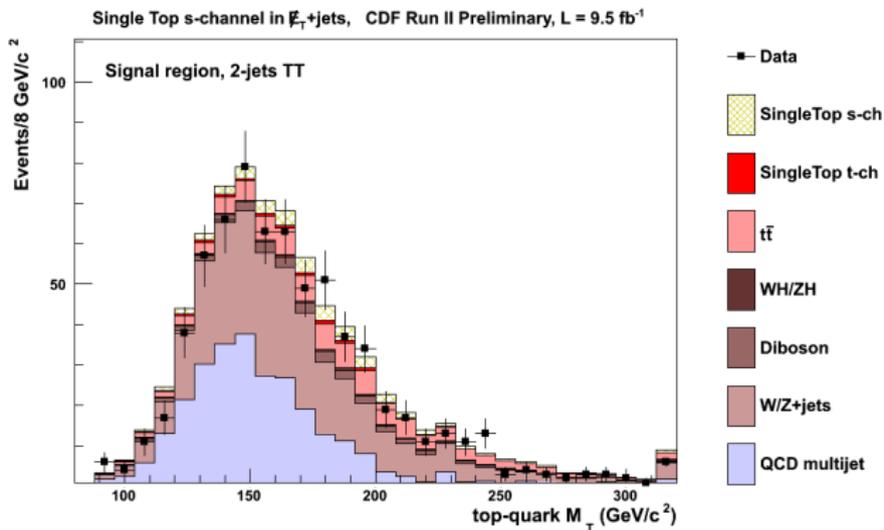
combined together in a **Final Discriminant** used to fit for signal.



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A NN is trained to choose which one of the jets in the final state is the one that comes from the top quark decay:

- This tool allow us to reconstruct some kinematic variables such as the top quark transverse mass.





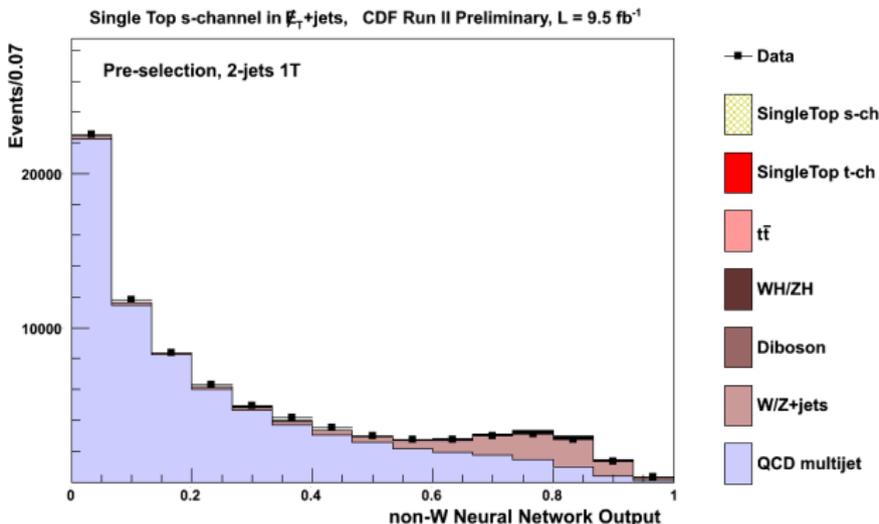
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A NN is trained to distinguish between QCD Multijet events and other processes:

- Signal sample: W +jets Monte Carlo;
- Background sample: pretag data reweighted by the tag rate probability.

A cut on the output of this NN is chosen in order to reject as much QCD Multijet events as possible:

- After applying the QCD veto, we derive the QCD multijet normalization in the rejected region.

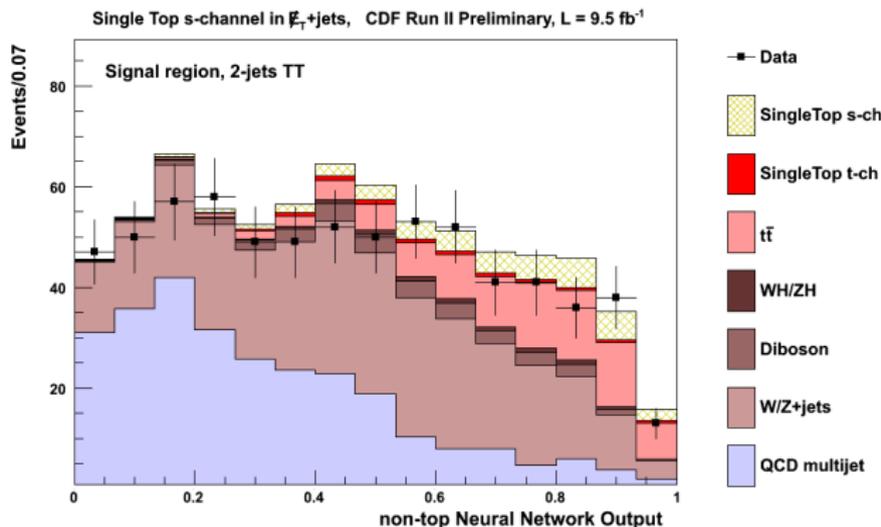




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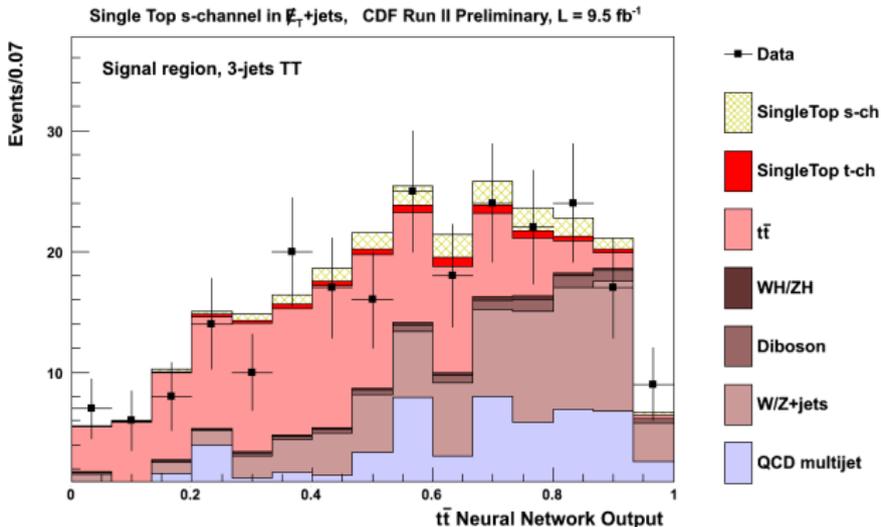
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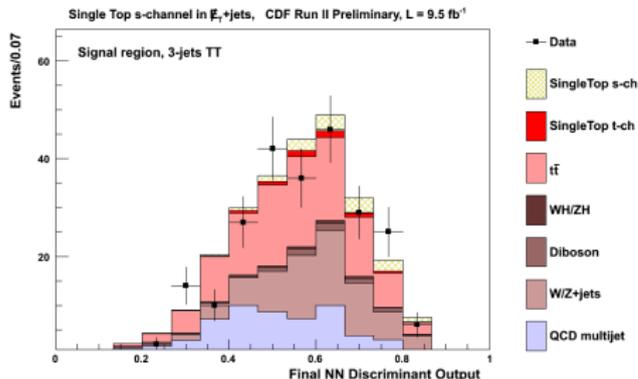
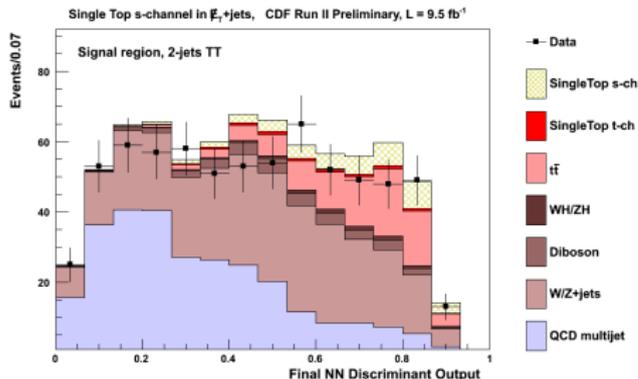
- Signal sample: single top s -channel Monte Carlo;
- Background sample: pretag data reweighted by the tag rate probability after the application of the QCD veto.



The $t\bar{t}$ NN is trained to distinguish between $t\bar{t}$ events and signal events:

- Signal sample: single top s -channel Monte Carlo;
- Background sample: $t\bar{t}$ Monte Carlo.





- Different background composition:
 - 2-jets sample: more W/Z+jets
 - 3-jets sample: more $t\bar{t}$
- We use an optimized combination of the W/Z+jets and $t\bar{t}$ NNs as final discriminant;
- We fit the data distribution of the final discriminant to extract the single top s-channel cross section.



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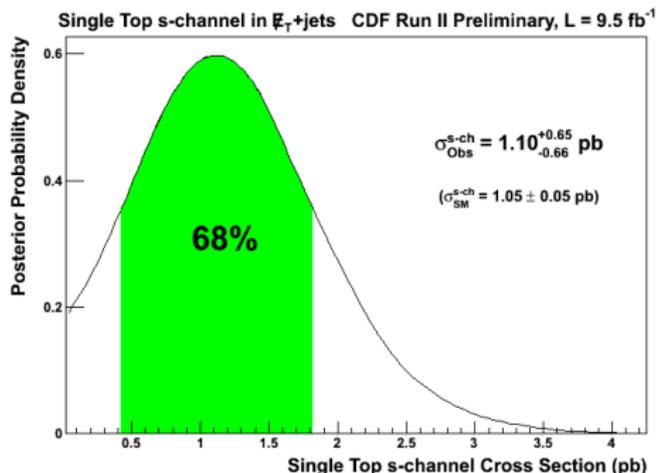
- Bayesian approach: binned likelihood;
- Uniform, non-negative prior for signal cross section;
- All the uncertainties and their correlations taken into account
- Expected result:

$$\sigma_{exp}^{s-ch} = 1.00_{-0.60}^{+0.58} \times SM \text{ (stat+syst)}.$$

- Measured single top s -channel cross section:

$$\sigma_{obs}^{s-ch} = 1.10_{-0.66}^{+0.65} \text{ (stat+syst) pb.}$$

This result is consistent with the standard model cross section $\sigma_{SM}^{s-ch} = 1.05 \pm 0.05$ pb.





- Both the CDF single top s -channel measurements are approved:
 - For the $l\nu b\bar{b}$ see previous talk
- The CDF combination framework is set up:
 - A very-preliminary result has already been shown at the collaboration;
 - It is still a work-in-progress.
- The discussion with DØ for the Tevatron combination is on-going:
 - There is the possibility to come up with a result by September.



- Measured the single top s -channel cross section in $\cancel{E}_T + \text{jets}$ with the full CDF dataset, 9.5 fb^{-1} ;
- First time that a single top s -channel measurement is performed in the $\cancel{E}_T + \text{jets}$ final state;
 - Public web page: <http://www-cdf.fnal.gov/~matteoc/internal/schannelMETbb.html>
- A legacy measurement from CDF/Tevatron;
- The CDF the $l\nu b\bar{b}$ s -channel measurement has just been approved, will combine the results soon;
- Combination with $D\bar{D}$ measurement is planned.